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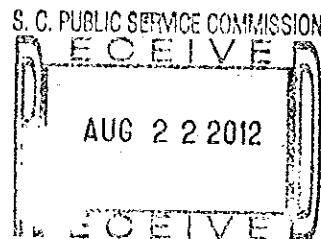
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Re: PSC Docket No. 2012-289-W

Cliff Ridge Colony Homeowners Association, Inc., Application for Exemption
from Regulation by South Carolina Public Service Commission

Dear Sir or Madam:

Today I received Action Item 15 in respect of the above-referenced docket number. This item is a Directive indicating general agreement with my client's Application for Exemption from Rate Regulation as a Homeowner Association. Thank you for your time in considering the Application thus far. There appears, however, to be a matter of some confusion relative to my initial submission. In particular, PSC's Directive declares that "signatures have been obtained from *all* the developed lot owners, but not all lot owners." Perhaps my application cover letter should have been more clear on this point. The Association did not obtain signatures from *all* developed lot owners; rather the Application includes 74 out of 86 possible signatures from developed lot owners.

Of course, the inability to obtain signatures from *all* the developed lot owners highlights the difficulty of dealing with homeowner associations. In every matter confronted by the Cliff Ridge Colony which has required a vote, there has been some level of ambivalence (i.e., lack of any response), and unanimity is nearly impossible to achieve. In closing, I regret that I may have lead the Commission to a false conclusion in the original Application. I assure you it was not

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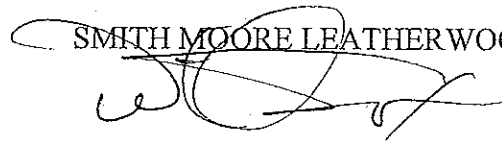
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intended, and I trust this correspondence clarifies. I nevertheless submit that the Application is proper, and I thank you in advance for your consideration. With kindest regards, I remain

Yours very truly,


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